

## CASEY AND BUTCH

Casey hated to get up in the morning. He hid under his covers until [side/ sip/ the] alarm rang. He hid under the [drags/ covers/ event] until his mother came into the [drop/ room/ slow]. "Why do you hate to go [am/ in/ to] school?" his mother asked. Casey told [did/ his/ not] mother that he hated his classes [and/ door/ see] teachers. Casey did not tell his [dress/ corns/ mother] the real reason he hated to [as/ go/ it] to school. Casey hated having to [face/ slow/ lean] Butch every day at school. Butch [was/ dip/ sit] a kid in Casey's school. He [sort/ vase/ was] a strong kid with big muscles [and/ drag/ core] a frown on his face. Butch [had/ did/ see] taken a dislike to Casey the [down/ first/ kits] day of school. He talked about beating Casey [is/ up/ at] every day after school. Butch had [do/ was/ not] beaten Casey up yet. However, Casey dreaded [dip/ the/ car] day when Butch carried out his [threat/ good/ door].

Casey walked to school, dragging his bookbag [behind/ orange/ yellow] him. "Another day of facing Butch," Casey [rather/ thought/ special] to himself. "I'll be glad when [keep/ given/ next] year gets here and Butch will [move/ from/ jinx] up to the middle school." When Casey [for/ can/ got] to school he saw Butch sitting [in/ by/ is] the front steps. Casey tried to [hope/ vine/ hide] in the middle of a group [of/ do/ it] kids going into the building. However, Butch spotted [dig/ sat/ him] in the crowd. "Hey, Casey, why [sock/ work/ don't] you come over here so that I [too/ can/ disk] beat you up?"

yelled Butch. Casey hurried [door/ into/ was] the building. "Boy, I don't see [dot/ were/ how] you stand him," said Casey's best [since/ friend/ erase] Sam. "I can't take much more [in/ at/ of] Butch," Casey said.

That afternoon, Casey [dip/ and/ too] Sam walked out of the building toward [home/ down/ from]. They were going to play softball [given/ with/ ask] some other kids down at the [city/ have/ than] park. As they walked home, they [dig/ saw/ van] Butch standing on the sidewalk blocking [from/ their/ side] way. "Hey, Casey," yelled Butch, "I've [bid/ side/ been] waiting for you." All of a [seven/ orange/ sudden] Casey saw red. He was tired [to/ of/ in] putting up with Butch's threats. Casey dropped [his/ dog/ car] bookbag and lowered his head. With [drip/ wasp/ fists] clenched, he ran toward Butch. He [yellow/ rammed/ rather] his head square into Butch's stomach. Butch [dip/ our/ lay] on the ground and gasped with pain. [Is/ An/ He] had not expected Casey to do [did/ that/ very]. Casey was proud of himself. He finally [do/ had/ nice] stood up to Butch.

Casey walked [in/ up/ or] the steps to school the next morning [down/ even/ with] a grin on his face. Butch [got/ side/ was] sitting on the front steps with [his/ fog/ hat] friends. Butch looked at Casey out [of/ do/ is] the corner of his eye. Butch [down/ for/ said], "Hi Casey," but he did not [say/ dip/ van] anything else. Casey knew that Butch [vane/ would/ came] not bother him anymore.